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www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/index.htm

Save America's Treasures

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Preserve America Grants

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Recreation, Land and Greenway grants

Phone: (615) 532-0765

www.tn.gov/environment/recreation/grants.shtml

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Local Planning Assistance Program

The Local Planning Assistance provides professional advice and technical assistance to local government planning programs across Tennessee through individual planning assistance contracts. Services are delivered from six regional offices located in Chattanooga, Cookeville, Jackson, Johnson City, Knoxville, and Nashville.

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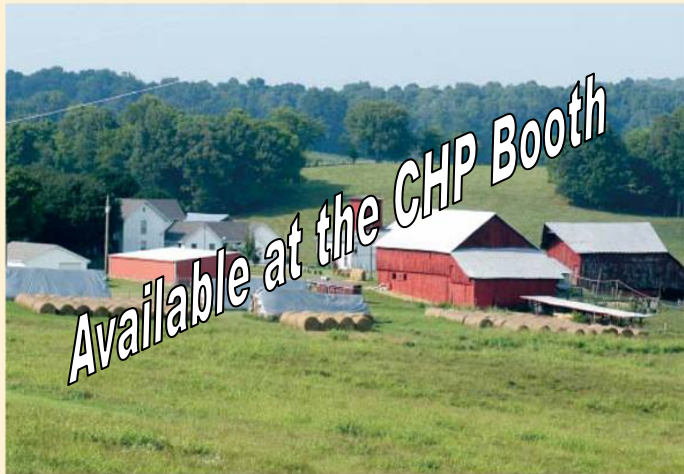
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The Center for Historic Preservation (CHP) at Middle Tennessee State University

The Center for Historic Preservation (CHP) at Middle Tennessee State University offers a number of programs and services that are directed toward documenting and preserving the state's agricultural history and rural landscape. For 25 years the Center has been responsible for the Tennessee Century Farms Program which now includes more than 1200 farms that have been in the same family for at least 100 years. The Center processes applications, maintains the farm files, and produces newsletters, publications, and a web site that offers the history of each farm as well as photographs when available.

The CHP nominates historic farms and agricultural districts to the National Register of Historic Places. It also provides assessment and recommendations for historic buildings and cemeteries.

Holding On to the Homestead



A Guide to Programs, Services, and Options for Tennessee's Farmers

**In 2005 the Center produced
Holding on to the Homestead:
Programs and Options for
Tennessee's Farmers.**

**The online edition is available at
<http://histpres.mtsu.edu>**

The Center is responsible for updating and expanding the on-line edition of the *Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture*, in cooperation with the University of Tennessee Press and the Tennessee Historical Society, which includes many entries related to agricultural history and rural resources.

The Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, a partnership unit of the National Park Service, documents and interprets resources that tell the stories of people and places from 1860 to 1875. A primary theme is the transformation of the agricultural landscape during this critical period.

For more information visit our web site at <http://histpres.mtsu.edu> or contact us at:

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Becoming a Tennessee Century Farm

What are the requirements?

- Has the farm been in your family continuously for at least 100 years?
- Does the farm have at least 10 acres of the original founders' land?
- Does the farm produce at least \$1000 in farm income annually?
- Is at least one owner a resident of Tennessee?
- If you answered yes to each of these questions, your farm is eligible to be a Century Farm.

How do I register my farm?

Request an application packet by contacting:

Director, Tennessee Century Farms Program
Center for Historic Preservation
MTSU, Box 80
Murfreesboro, TN 37132

Phone: (615) 898-2947

Fax: (615) 898-5614

E-mail chankins@mtsu.edu

You may also view or download the Century Farm application online:

<http://histpres.mtsu.edu/histpres/INITIATIVES/CFAPPLICATION.pdf>

The application must include the founder's name and a founding date which you must be able to prove by deed, census record, family papers or other legal documentation. Beginning with the founder, you will be asked to list the generations of ownership of the farm through the family to the present day owner. The application also has space for you to recount such information as crops, family stories, involvement in agricultural, civic and community activities and organizations and the like. The application must be notarized and also signed by the county agent or county historian.



Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program:

Marketing Division

Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program

The Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP) was developed to promote long term investments in Tennessee's livestock and farming operations by providing cost share funds to qualifying producers and communities.

TAEP is a direct result of Tennessee's continued commitment to supporting farm development and Tennessee's agricultural community.

Producers are eligible to receive a 35 percent or 50 percent cost share reimbursement for funds spent with the maximum reimbursement per program ranging from \$1,200 to \$15,000. The percentage of cost share available is based on the completion of required educational courses per program area. The program maximums and as well cost share programs available may vary year to year based on industry conditions.

- For Producers -

Livestock Equipment & Handling Facilities

This cost share opportunity provides funds to improve livestock management capabilities and enhance farm safety practices.

Livestock Feed Storage

This cost share opportunity assists producers by providing funds for on-farm feed storage and management.

Cattle Genetics

This cost share opportunity seeks to increase the marketability and reputation of Tennessee cattle by providing funds to producers to improve or enhance the genetics of their cattle operations.

Hay Storage

This cost share opportunity works to increase farm efficiency in Tennessee by encouraging producers to improve quantity and nutritional quality of hay by using proper storage and management practices.

Grain Storage

This cost share opportunity is designed to help producers improve quantity, quality and marketing of grain by using proper storage and management practices.

Producer Diversification

This cost share opportunity assists producers in expanding and improving their operations through production of diversified agricultural products in industry sectors such as: agritourism, aquaculture, bees, fruits & vegetables, horticulture, organics, value-added products and viticulture.

Feeder Cattle Incentive

This program rewards applicants who improve the marketability of their feeder cattle, by offering an incentive for age and source verification and for cattle preconditioned for health and nutrition standards.

- For Community -

Farmers Market Promotion & Retail Grant Program

This program is designed to provide assistance for the promotion and/or improvement of Farmers Markets in communities throughout Tennessee. Farmers Markets provide excellent venues for the sale of locally grown, farm fresh products to consumers.

Grants are available to qualified Farmers Markets in amounts up to \$10,000 (maximum). Funding is limited and grant requests are competitive.

Website:

www.tn.gov/agriculture/enhancement

Call 1-800-342-8206 for TAEP updates.

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- Both -

Statewide Agricultural Producer Association Grant Program

This program is designed to support Tennessee farmers by providing assistance to statewide agricultural producer associations for eligible activities. These activities contribute to the education, training and marketing skills of Tennessee agricultural producers, as well as developing markets for farm products. Grants are available to qualified statewide Agricultural Producer Associations in amounts from \$2,500 (minimum) to \$10,000 (maximum). Total funding is limited and grant requests are competitive.

-More Information-

A detailed description of basic eligibility and educational requirements, program schedule, available cost share programs along with a listing of eligible and ineligible items as well as application and reimbursement procedures can be found on the TAEP Web site.



Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program: Forestry Division

Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TEAP)

Forestry programs under TAEP were developed to promote long term investments in Tennessee's forests by providing cost share funds to qualifying producers. The programs help promote sustainable forest management practices on non-industrial private forest land, which provide multiple resources benefits such as timber, wildlife habitat, clean water and stable soil conditions.

Producers are eligible to receive a 50 - 75 percent cost share reimbursement for funds spent with the maximum reimbursement per program ranging from \$10,000 to \$15,000. The program maximums, as well as cost share programs, may vary year to year based on availability. Applicants may apply for cost sharing forestry programs under TAEP at any time during the year.

- For Producers -

Afforestation/Reforestation Forest Crops

This cost share opportunity for landowners encourages the establishment of hardwood or pine stands for multiple forest benefits. Eligible practices include site preparation, planting seedlings, vegetation control and forest stand improvement.

Forest Best Management Practices

This cost share opportunity for loggers provides funding to establish stream crossings, erosion protection and other water quality protection practices to help ensure water quality maintenance during the execution of forest management practices.

- For Community -

Forest Habitat Conservation & Enhancement Program

This program provides funds to the University of Tennessee Extension Service to provide training and supplies for natural resource professionals on non-game wildlife and plant species habitat needs specific to the forest habitat conservation and enhancement program under NRCS EQIP.

Resource Improvement for Urban Forestry

This matching grant program provides funds to local governments and non-profit organizations for community tree planting projects, and enhances nursery farm income by requiring trees be purchased from a Tennessee nursery.

Urban & Community Forestry Training

This matching grant program provides funding to the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council to train municipal leaders on the importance of urban forests through its partnership with the University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service.

Master Logger Training

This grant provides funding to the Tennessee Forestry Association for scholarships to its Master Logger Training program in order to encourage more loggers to become Master Loggers

-More Information-

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Tennessee NRCS Programs

Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP)

AWEP is a voluntary conservation program under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). AWEP provides financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers to assist them in applying agricultural water enhancement activities that conserve ground and surface water and improve water quality on agricultural lands. NRCS may carry out AWEP by entering into contracts with agricultural producers who apply directly or through partnership agreements with entities that apply on behalf of agricultural producers.

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)

CIG is a voluntary program intended to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation technologies while leveraging Federal investment in environmental enhancement. Under CIG, Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds are used to award competitive grants to non-Federal or non-governmental organizations, Tribes or individuals. CIG enables NRCS to work with other public and private entities to accelerate technology transfer and adoption of promising technologies and approaches to address some of the Nation's most pressing natural resource concerns.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

CRP is a voluntary program for agricultural landowners administered through the Farm Service Agency. Through CRP, you can receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

CSP provides financial and technical assistance to promote the conservation and

improvement of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life and other conservation purposes on tribal and private working lands. Working lands include cropland, grassland and improved pasture, as well as forested land that is an incidental part of an agriculture operation.

Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA)

The CTA Program provides technical assistance supported by science-based technology and tools to help people conserve, maintain, and improve their natural resources. The CTA Program provides the technical capability, including direct conservation planning, design, and implementation assistance, that helps people plan and apply conservation on the land. This assistance is provided to individuals, groups and communities who make natural resource management decisions on private, tribal and other non-federal lands. NRCS, through the CTA Program, provides conservation technical assistance that addresses natural resource conservation issues at the local level that are of State and national concern.

Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI)

CCPI is a voluntary program established to foster conservation partnerships that focus technical and financial resources on conservation priorities in watersheds and airsheds of special significance. Under CCPI, funds are awarded to State and local governments and agencies; Indian tribes; and non-governmental organizations that have a history of working with agricultural producers.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

EQIP is a continuous sign-up program that allows landowners or operators to apply for

financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices.

Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)

FRPP provides matching funds to help purchase development rights to keep productive farm and rangeland in agricultural uses. USDA partners with State, tribal or local governments and non-governmental organizations to acquire conservation easements or other interests in land from landowners. USDA will provide up to 50 percent of the fair market easement value for a conservation easement, but a partnering entity is required to share at least 25 percent of the easement value.

Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)

GRP is a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore and enhance grasslands on their property. The goal of this program is to enroll grasslands with a high ecological value, a high development rate or surround locations with high cultural and historical importance. Enrollment methods include 10-year, 15-year, 20-year rental contracts or a permanent easement.

Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI)

GLCI is a nationwide collaborative process of individuals and organizations working to maintain and improve the management, productivity, and health of the Nation's privately owned grazing land. This process has formed coalitions that represent the grass root concerns that impact private grazing land. The coalitions actively seek sources to increase technical assistance and public awareness activities that maintain or enhance grazing land resources.

Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP)

HFRP is a voluntary program established for the purpose of restoring and enhancing forest ecosystems to: 1) promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species; 2) improve biodiversity; 3) enhance carbon sequestration. Priority species and target areas are currently being determined for the State.

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D)

RC&D accelerates the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources, improves the general level of economic activity and enhances the environment and standard of living in designated RC&D areas.

Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)

WRP is a continuous sign-up program that allows landowners with clear title to the property to voluntarily apply for financial and technical assistance to restore, enhance and protect wetlands. WRP is designed to restore wetlands with the goal of maximizing wildlife benefits and recovering lost wetland functions and values.

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)

WHIP is a voluntary program which encourages creation of high quality wildlife habitats supporting wildlife populations of National, State, Tribal, and local significance. Through WHIP, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical and financial assistance to landowners and others to develop or enhance upland, wetland, riparian and aquatic habitat areas on their property.

For more information on these programs, visit the USDA/NRCS-TN website.

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Donated Easement Assistance for Farmers

**A partnership between the Tennessee Department of Agriculture
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A farmer who chooses to donate an easement on his or her working farm has access to funds that can help pay for the transaction fees such as:

- Legal Fees
- Stewardship Donation
- Survey Costs
- Appraisal Fees
- Other costs related to the acquisition and stewardship process

Easement must be on a working farm that meets all property criteria listed by The Land Trust for Tennessee. The owner must donate easement to The Land Trust for Tennessee.

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Additional Resources Included

- Sample of the information provided by American Farmland Trust's Farmland Information Center
 - The Farmland Protection Toolbox
 - Farm Transfer and Estate Planning
 - Sample Questionnaire: Is Your Town Planning a Future for Agriculture?
- University of Tennessee Extension publication:
Farm and Forest Land Preservation with Conservation Easements
- The Land Trust for Tennessee Landowner Information Packet

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